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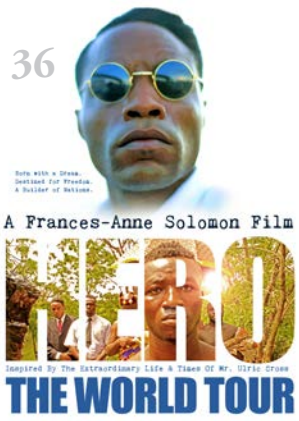

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AMBASSADOR LONDON PRESENTS CREDENTIALS IN FINLAND

Clockwise from Top: His Excellency Orville London presents Letters of Credence to the President of the Republic of Finland, Mr Sauli Ninisto; **2-3)** H.E. Orville London among the ambassadors from eight other countries in the courtyard of the Presidential Palace, in the presence of the Finnish military band. **Photos: Juhani Kandell and Matti Porre/ Office of the President of the Republic of Finland.**

Trinidad and Tobago's Orville London joined Ambassadors from eight other countries for a group presentation of Letters of Credence to the President of the Republic of Finland, Mr Sauli Ninisto, at the Presidential Palace in Helsinki, on Thursday April 04. The presentation was preceded by a traditional credentials ceremony in the courtyard of the Presidential Palace, featuring the Finnish military band. After the formal presentation of their Letters of Credence, the Ambassadors from Albania, Botswana, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Jordan, Lesotho, Malaysia, Mozambique, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Trinidad and Tobago were each given a private audience with the President.

During his two day stay in Finland, London met with Mr Jukkka Ant-Wuorinen, Trinidad and Tobago's Honorary Consul in Helsinki, Finland. He also held discussions on "possible cooperation in the future", with Director of the Unit for Latin America and the Caribbean, in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Ari Maki and his colleague Katja Karppinen-Njock.

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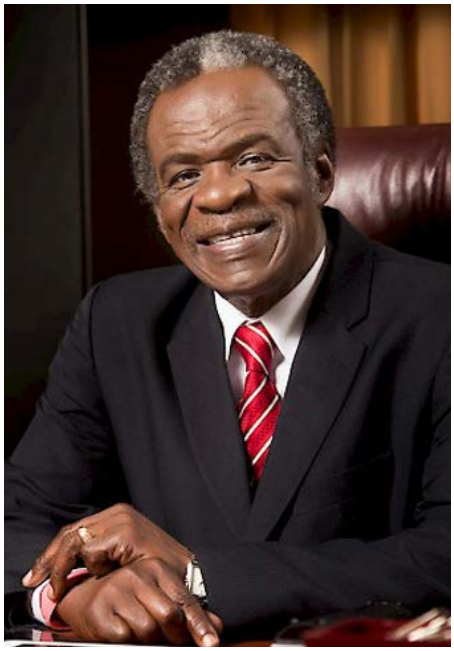
At left: Mr Jukkka Ant-Wuorinen, Trinidad and Tobago's Honorary Consul in Helsinki, Finland. **Photo: Brigid London**

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY ORVILLE LONDON

When the London Mission hosted its most recent quarterly meeting, the exchange among the nationals was so lively that proceedings had to be extended by more than one hour. Nationals of Trinidad and Tobago were discussing "Trinidad and Tobago business". They were passionate, they were involved, and the level of commitment on display in that room was heartwarming, but not surprising.

Large segments of the Trinidad and Tobago diaspora in the United Kingdom have consistently demonstrated the desire to become more involved in the development of their country. They have often expressed frustration at the problems experienced by individuals and organisations whose only desire is to "give back". Some complain that they do not always feel "at home" when they go home and others lament that enough avenues are not made available for them to contribute their talents, expertise and resources. Therein, lie our challenge and our opportunity. Countries around the world, large and small, developed and developing, have recognised the potential and power of their diaspora and are leveraging that diaspora power to the benefit of the respective homelands. Trinidad and Tobago must not be left behind. There needs to be greater collaboration between the diaspora in the United Kingdom and the decision makers, at all levels, in Trinidad and Tobago's society. But meaningful collaboration can only be achieved in an environment where the communication is based on a realistic evaluation of the facts, stripped of the politics and the prejudices.

During that quarterly meeting, some nationals expressed surprise when apprised of the facts related to the crime situation, the state of the economy, the crisis in Venezuela and other critical issues affecting Trinidad and Tobago. It was evident that the channels through which the news was being disseminated, were not as reliable as they should have been. Members of the diaspora are our most influential ambassadors. They have to carry our message and to carry that message, they have to "get it right". We need to free up and sanitise the communication lines. Nationals on both sides of the Atlantic need to know what is really being achieved in each space. They need to understand and appreciate each other better and determine how they can collaborate for greater impact and effectiveness.



Pictured: His Excellency Orville London, High Commissioner for the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Pictured: His Excellency Orville London with nationals at the Nationals Meeting in February.
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The London Mission Newsletter is one of the channels through which accurate and relevant information has flowed between the diaspora in the United Kingdom and their fellow nationals in Trinidad and Tobago, for over thirty years. We are proud to continue that tradition and in this issue, we highlight some young achievers and some more mature exemplars whose lives and stories are truly inspirational. We remember The Mighty Shadow and we share the efforts of the Tobago House of Assembly to honour him and the indefatigable 78 year old Calypso Rose. We reproduce an article from the Ins & Outs magazine that showcases the beauty and diversity of our twin island Republic. We relive the sights and joys of Trinidad and Tobago Carnival and join Ansel Wong in a review of the Notting Hill Carnival. We update on the latest development in the Windrush saga and in light of the upsurge in the number of persons who have been scammed in recent years, we advise on "Getting Safe Online". We invite the readers into the London Mission to meet some of our visitors and share in some of our activities and we extend a further invitation to savour some Trinidad and Tobago dishes.

The London Mission is a bridge between Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom. It is a conduit through which information flows between nationals in both countries. It is a symbol of who we are, what we have achieved and what we are capable of achieving, on both sides of the Atlantic. It is our hope that, with this issue of the London Mission Newsletter, nationals in the United Kingdom, and in Trinidad and Tobago, will understand and appreciate each other, just a little bit better.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LORD CONSTANTINE'S ELEVATION TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS

On 26 March 2019, exactly 50 years after he had taken his seat as the first black Life Peer in the House of Lords, a bust of Lord Learie Constantine was unveiled in the Upper Chamber.

The bust which is on loan to the House of Lords from the National Portrait Gallery, was on display in the Robing Room in the House of Lords until 22 April, after which it was moved to become part of an exhibition on the life and work of Learie Constantine in the House of Lords.

Lord Constantine became the first black person to be appointed to the House of Lords as a life peer, on 26 March 1969. This followed the passing of the Life Peerages Act in 1958 which opened the House to the whole of society, with members being appointed to contribute to the parliamentary democracy based on their knowledge and experience, regardless of their gender or background.

The Life Peerages Act began a process of increasing diversity in the House of Lords. As well as the appointment of women for the first time, it facilitated the appointment of Black and Minority Ethnic members who could bring wider experience to the legislative and scrutiny work of the House.

Above: Lord Fowler and Baroness Benjamin with the bust of Lord Constantine. **Photo: UK House of Lords.**

At left: Sir Learie Constantine was the first High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago serving from 1961 - 1964.

Commenting, as he welcomed the bust of Lord Constantine, Lord Fowler, the Lord Speaker, said:

"The appointment of Lord Constantine marked a watershed for the House of Lords, and it is right we celebrate it today on the 50th anniversary of his introduction to the House and over the coming months. His arrival as the first black life peer paved the way for the many brilliant Black and Minority Ethnic members we have in the House today.

"Learie Constantine was both a sporting icon and a man who contributed hugely to the advancement of race relations in this country. He made an outstanding contribution to cricket and then took on the even greater challenge of changing attitudes and confronting prejudice. His example is an encouragement to everyone.

Baroness Benjamin, the second Trinidadian to be appointed to the House of Lords after Lord Constantine, said:

"When I was appointed to the House of Lords, I was very pleased to know I would be following in the footsteps of Learie Constantine, who lived in the same town as me in Trinidad. He was a great pioneering Trinidadian who achieved so much on the cricket field and in his contribution to public life in the UK.

"During the Second World War, he served as a welfare officer for West Indian and West African servicemen in the North West of England and won a landmark legal case against the Imperial Hotel when it refused him and his family a room because they were black. He achieved that victory without the benefit of the Race Relations Board which he later served on and in doing so, paved the way for the Windrush Generation.

"Lord Constantine was a brave and determined man who made a real difference to the lives of many people in the UK and in Trinidad. I am so pleased the House of Lords is taking this opportunity to celebrate his legacy and outstanding contribution."

Lord Constantine also served in the Cabinet of Trinidad and Tobago and was the first High Commissioner appointed to represent the newly independent country in the United Kingdom.

COME ALIVE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Written by **ANNA WALCOTT-HARDY**

There's a fish called the Cascadou, and the legend goes that once you eat this fish, your heart and soul belongs to Trinidad and Tobago. Well, many have returned again and again, because one visit to these islands will make you feel more alive than ever.

The country's been likened to a new world Athens by poets and has become a choice destination for artists from Nina Simone to Paul Simon. The Republic is the birthplace of world renowned intellectuals including, activist and novelist CLR James, Nobel Prize winning author Sir Vidia Naipaul, Tony-award winning singer/actor Heather Headley, Grammy award-winning singer Nicki Minaj, X-Factor finalist Olatunji Yearwood and renowned actor, Winston Duke.

In just one country, you can experience the wealth of multiple nations, descendants of Africans, Chinese, Indians, Europeans and Middle Easterners living together. It's of little consequence that in a neighbourhood you may find a Mosque located almost next to a Roman Catholic Church or Hindu Temple, and the annual festivals are communal events celebrated in fields, streets, schools and workplaces. Although in the fight for independence and parity, there have been historic clashes among ethnic, socio-political and civil groups over the years; ultimately, this is a place where divide and conquer has been abandoned for unite and prosper.

Because of its geographic location, amenable climate and rich resources of oil and gas, T&T has become a destination sought after by many. The islands have an intriguing history, whether as a safe-haven for refugees fleeing Nazi Germany or war-torn Syria, or a space sought after as a place of inspiration for artists; a colony exploited by empires, a plantation-economy for enslaved and indentured labourers that transformed into an independent nation of opportunity for future generations. And what happens when this crucible of cultures merge, well then there's a fusion that's almost atomic, nothing is untouched - the food, music, art, film, literature and architecture.

There's a lot to see and do, but if you really want to understand the country you need to "lime" with the people. Basically this means hang-out, whether at the beach, fête, festival or at a bar. Enjoy a beer, listen to some music and just go with the flow.

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POSITIVE DIASPORA RESPONSE TO FLOOD VICTIMS

1) Poet Veronica White. ***Photo courtesy Veronica White,*** *2) Calypsonians (L-R) Tobago Crusoe, De Alberto and Alexander D Great and Justin Richardson on tenor pan, 3) Actress Martina Laird, 4) Award-winning director and choreographer Greta Mendez, 5) The Caroline Muraldo Dance Company.* ***Photos courtesy Seema Rampersad***

Members of the Trinidad and Tobago diaspora in the United Kingdom responded positively and enthusiastically to the plight of the victims of the 2018 floods in Trinidad. Some of the most accomplished Trinidad and Tobago artistes in the United Kingdom took over the stage at "The Tabernacle" for a Charity Concert organised by cultural activist Ansel Wong. Speaking after the event, Wong said that the response from the cultural community was so overwhelming that many artistes could not be included. In the varied lineup on the evening were internationally renowned tenor Neil Latchman who performed the Ave Maria to the accompaniment of a three member pan ensemble; calypsonians Tobago Crusoe, Alberto and Alexander the Great; 14 year old violinist Jada Marsh, poets Veronica White and I-sis, the Caroline Muraldo Dance Company, jazz vocalist Joan Achong and award-winning director, and choreographer Greta Mendez.

High Commissioner Orville London who was Patron of the event, commended the organisers, the performers and the patrons. He said that, since taking up his post, he had been impressed by the commitment of the diaspora to the welfare and development of Trinidad and Tobago. He said that "now, more than ever, we need to leverage the power of our diaspora", and he urged nationals living in the United Kingdom to continue supporting their homeland in all spheres of activity, including investment.

Tobago born Nigel Guy spearheaded another fund raising effort and was able to make a significant donation to the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society; members of staff at the London Mission made their contributions and promoter Angela Cox mobilised support from artistes, former Ms Trinidad and Tobago UK participants and UK business interests for her pageant, in aid of the flood victims.

SICA:CARICOM HEADS OF MISSION MEETING

Pictured: SICA-CARICOM Heads of Missions.

Trinidad and Tobago was represented by High Commissioner Orville London at the SICA-CARICOM Heads of Mission Meeting, held at the Jamaica High Commission in London, on Wednesday 05, December. The main objective of the meeting was to explore opportunities for "closer collaboration between the two sub-regions and the United Kingdom, in areas of common interest".

Heads of Mission of the sub region's had not met at a formal session since 2014, but there was consensus among representatives at this most recent meeting, that there were many common issues facing the countries and there was the need for closer collaboration. Another meeting was held on 23 January 2019, after which the Heads of Mission met with Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the Opposition in the UK Parliament.

The SICA membership includes Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama. The Caricom countries with representation in the United Kingdom are Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago.

SECURITY TALKS IN UK

Minister of National Security Stuart Young, Commissioner of Police Gary Griffith and Chief of Defence Staff Hayden Pritchard were joined by Trinidad and Tobago High Commissioner Orville London and the United Kingdom High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago, Tim Stew, for a series of security related meetings in the United Kingdom, in January. The team met with senior officials at a number of security agencies, including New Scotland Yard. They also held discussions with Lord Ahmad, Minister of State for the Commonwealth and the United Nations at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The officials, said that the meetings were quite informative and the insights gleaned would assist them in improving the security response in Trinidad and Tobago.

Pictured: (L-R) Trinidad and Tobago High Commissioner Orville London, United Kingdom High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago, Tim Stew, Chief of Defence Staff Hayden Pritchard , Minister of National Security and Minister of Communications Stuart Young and Commissioner of Police Gary Griffith.

NEWLY APPOINTED BARBADOS HIGH COMMISSIONER MEETS H.E. LONDON

His Excellency Milton Inniss, the newly appointed Barbados High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, paid a courtesy call on High Commissioner Orville London, at the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission, on Tuesday February 12. H.E. Inniss who succeeded former High Commissioner Guy Hewitt, presented his credentials to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, on Wednesday February 13. Innis said that he is looking forward to his stint in the United Kingdom, especially during this period. He stressed that Caribbean countries have to unite and advocate strongly on critical issues if they intend to continue developing, in this challenging era.

Pictured: (L-R) Barbados High Commissioner Milton Inniss with High Commissioner Orville London.

FROM LONDON WITH LOVE

Collaboration between Ancil Dennis, Deputy Presiding Officer and Assistant Secretary in the Tobago House of Assembly and a member of the Trinidad and Tobago diaspora in the United Kingdom has ensured that a young Tobago high school student is better equipped to cope with his studies.

Marilyn Glasgow-Richards who has been residing in the United Kingdom for over thirty years, said that she was prompted to intervene when she learnt of the challenges facing a young Bishops High School student who needed a computer. Ms Glasgow-Richards purchased a laptop but was experiencing difficulty in having it delivered to the student in Tobago. Her challenge was resolved when Assemblyman Dennis who was paying a courtesy call on High Commissioner Orville London, agreed to take responsibility for handing it over to the student when he returned home.

Dennis recently completed a Masters of Science Degree in Public Policy and Management from the University of London and was in the United Kingdom for the graduation ceremony which took place at The Barbican in London, on Tuesday 05, March.

Above: High Commissioner Orville London, Mrs Marilyn Glasgow-Richard, Mr Ancil Dennis, Deputy Presiding Officer and Assistant Secretary in the Tobago House of Assembly, and Ms Beverley Awonaya, Public Affairs, Culture & Tourism Division (PACT).

At right: Mr Ancil Dennis at University of London graduation ceremony in The Barbican. **Photo courtesy Ancil Dennis**

LIVELY DEBATE AT NATIONALS MEETING

An address by High Commissioner Orville London prompted lively debate when nationals met for their quarterly meeting at the London Mission, on Wednesday February 27. In his address, High Commissioner London provided an update on some of the economic and social issues facing Trinidad and Tobago, at this time. He also highlighted the potential impact of Brexit on the Caribbean region; challenges facing Trinidad and Tobago nationals at the UK border; the latest developments in the Windrush saga and the role that the diaspora must play in the development of their homeland in challenging times.

After his 45 minute address, members of the audience shared their views on Petrotrin and the challenges facing the energy sector; strategies to diversify the economy; latest efforts to treat with crime; Sandals and the future of the tourism sector; the problems faced by nationals living and working in the United Kingdom; the uncertainty of Brexit and other issues which have dominated the headlines, in Trinidad and Tobago, and in the United Kingdom.

Some of these topics will be discussed in even greater detail at subsequent national meetings where the featured speakers will include Ms Carol Hay, the Caribbean Tourism Organisation Representative, in the United Kingdom and a representative of Get Safe Online, a UK based not-for-profit organisation which launched a website in Trinidad and Tobago, recently. Professor Selwyn Cudjoe, the highly respected historian, is down to discuss his latest publication, "Slave Master of Trinidad", at the next quarterly meeting, scheduled for Wednesday May 29.

"*I WAS PLEASED TO HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO GET MY QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS TO HIS EXCELLENCY.*"

YISHIBAH BAHT GAVRIEL

Above: A cross section of the nationals who make contributions during the Question and Answer segment of the Nationals Meeting. **Top right:** High Commissioner Orville London and **Middle left,** Mr Elston Baird, Immigration Attaché, responds to a question.

TRINBAGONIAN ATTORNEY NAMED THE UNDER-35 LAWYER OF THE YEAR AT THE FIRST 100 YEARS INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN IN LAW AWARDS

Trinidad and Tobago born Rachel Welch-Phillips was the 2018 Under 35 Lawyer of the Year, in the United Kingdom. Welch-Phillips who is an associate at Bird & Bird, specialising in International Aviation practice, was given the award for her contribution to gender equality, especially in relation to Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) progression within the legal profession. She is also founder and chair of the BAME Network at Bird & Bird, Embrace.

Pictured: Mrs Rachel Welch Phillips receiving her award at the 2019 Inspirational Women in Law Awards from Ms Alexandra Marks CBE, Deputy High Court judge, former Linklaters partner and Judicial Appointments Commissioner.

Photo: First 100 Years

The Inspirational Women in Law Awards function is an initiative of the First 100 Years organisation which lauded Welch-Phillips' dedication to mentorship and volunteering. The organisation noted that she was "a mentor to a female law student through the firm's bursary scheme, a member of Lawyers in Schools, a programme that sees lawyers conduct workshops on what the law is at local schools, and a professional ambassador in the Aspiring Solicitors programme, available for questions around the BAME female experience in city law". She is also a volunteer at the South Westminster Legal Advice Clinic in Victoria, London, a free legal drop-in advice service helping those on low incomes, with a wide range of legal matters.

DEYAL WINS RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

Zubin Deyal is the third national in the last four years, to be awarded the Commonwealth Caribbean Rhodes Scholarship. The 20 year old Deyal won the scholarship while at the University of the West Indies where he studied Economics and Finance. During his stint at the Cave Hill campus in Barbados, he also excelled at swimming and cricket. Rhodes Trust Caribbean said that Deyal will read for the MSc. in Economics for Development, at Oxford University.

Other Trinidad and Tobago awardees in recent years were Mandela Patrick (2018) Simone Delzin (2017) and Zahra Christina Gomes (2015).

The Rhodes Scholarship is an international postgraduate award for students to study at the University of Oxford. It was established in 1902 and after the initial restrictions, it is now open to applicants from all backgrounds and from across the globe.

Pictured: Governor-General Dame Sandra Mason congratulates the 2018 Commonwealth Caribbean Rhodes Scholar, Mr Zubin Deyal during a presentation ceremony at Government House, Barbados. **Photo: C.Pitt/Barbados Government Information Service**

T&T'S CURMIRA GULSTON AMONG FINALISTS AT COMMONWEALTH YOUTH AWARDS CEREMONY

Trinidad and Tobago's Curmira Gulston was among the four finalists selected from the Caribbean and Canada region when the 2019 Commonwealth Youth Awards for Excellence in Development Work climaxed with a Presentation Ceremony at Marlborough House in London, on Wednesday March 13. Ms Gulston is the national coordinator for the Caribbean Youth Environment Network which is involved in a project to raise awareness of the environmental issues affecting water quality in the Arima and Courland watersheds in Trinidad and Tobago. The project also partners with government, schools and grassroots local community groups to find ways to reduce human impact on the environment, through education and community initiatives. The project has reached over 1200 school children and 300 community members in Trinidad and Tobago, fostering a positive attitude towards improving water quality. A release from the Commonwealth Secretariat stated that "the Pan Commonwealth adjudication panel was extremely impressed by her outstanding contribution to development work, particularly towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation".

In 2019, over five hundred entries were received from 45 countries. St Lucia's Johan Dujon whose company develops commercial agricultural products from the harmful Sargassum seaweed, was the winner from the Caribbean and Canada region. The overall winner and 2019 Commonwealth Young Person of the Year is Oluwaseun Ayodeji Osowobi, of Nigeria. She is the founder of the 'Stand to End Rape' initiative which raises awareness of violence against women and girls through policy advocacy, prevention and support for victims.

The Commonwealth Youth Awards for Excellence in Development Work is aimed towards raising the profile and highlighting the contribution made by young people towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. It recognises the great work done by young people throughout the Commonwealth, ranging through conflict prevention and resolution, poverty alleviation, and the promotion and enhancement of democracy. The project supports the view that "young people are not passive beneficiaries of development and spectators to programmes and of policies that affect their development, but rather are integrally involved in the process of change as they continue to work side by side with decision makers as key actors and stakeholders, contributing to national development".

Top: A cross section of the Commonwealth Youth Awards regional winners with High Commissioners, and, (front row, fourth from left) Commonwealth Secretary-General Patricia Scotland, **Photo courtesy Commonwealth Secretariat. Middle:** Curmira Gulston **Photo courtesy Curmira Gulston**

COMMONWEALTH COMMEMORATES 70 YEARS

Representatives from the 53 member countries and specially invited guests joined the Queen and Members of the Royal Family at Westminster Abbey on Monday March 11, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Commonwealth.

This year's theme is "A Connected Commonwealth" and in her Commonwealth Day message, Her Majesty said that "the vision and sense of connection that inspired the signatories has stood the test of time, and the Commonwealth continues to

grow, adapting to address contemporary needs". Noting that "we are able to look to the future with greater confidence and optimism as a result of the links that we share, and thanks to the networks of cooperation and mutual support to which we contribute, and on which we draw", she expressed the hope that "as people of all backgrounds continue to find new ways of expressing through action, the value of belonging to a connected Commonwealth, many more will commit to doing so this Commonwealth Day".

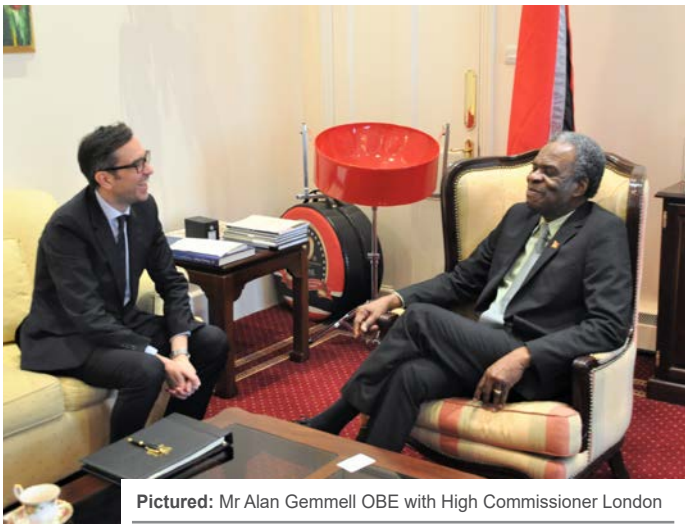
According to an official release, the theme was chosen because "The Commonwealth offers opportunities for the people, governments and institutions of this richly diverse family of nations to connect and cooperate at many levels through far-reaching and deep-rooted networks of friendship and goodwill. The theme encourages collaboration to protect natural resources and the environment, particularly with the adoption in 2018 of the Commonwealth Blue Charter of the ocean which connects so many member countries". The release further stated that, "2019 also marks the 70th anniversary of the Commonwealth as it is configured today, with old ties and new links enabling cooperation towards social, political and economic development which is both inclusive and sustainable".

Pictured: 1) The Queen speaking with the Dean of Westminster John Hall, **Photo: TheBritishMonarchy / Facebook. 2)** High Commissioner London and Mrs Brigid London with Kevin Joseph who is now serving on the aircraft carrier, HMS Prince of Wales, **3)** Representatives from various Caribbean countries of the Commonwealth with their flags, **Photos: Kevin Joseph. 4)** T&T flagbearer Ms Carla-Jean Lares, **Photo: Carla-Jean Lares.**

Trinidad and Tobago was represented at the Anniversary Service, by High Commissioner Orville London and the national flag was carried by Carla-Jean Lares, runner up in the 2018 Miss Trinidad and Tobago UK competition. Also among the invitees was former TEMA employee Kevin Joseph who was one of the officers selected from The Royal Navy where he is now serving on the aircraft carrier, HMS Prince of Wales.

HIGH COMMISSIONER MEETS WITH ALAN GEMMELL OBE, CEO OF THE COMMONWEALTH ENTERPRISE & INVESTMENT COUNCIL

High Commissioner Orville London and Alan Gemmel OBE, the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth Enterprise & Investment Council, held discussions on a wide range of issues when they met at the London Mission, on Friday January 11. The Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council, CWEIC, is a not for profit membership organisation with a mandate from the Commonwealth Heads of Government to promote intra Commonwealth trade, investment and the role of the private sector, across the 53 member countries. CWEIC was responsible for organising the Commonwealth Business Forum at the most recent Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, held in London, in April 2018.



Pictured: Mr Alan Gemmell OBE with High Commissioner London

CARICOM HEADS OF MISSION CAUCUS RETREAT

Pictured: High Commissioners of the Caricom countries with representation in the United Kingdom

Caricom Heads of Mission are intent on adopting a more collaborative and strategic approach as they strive to be more effective in the representation of their respective countries, in the United Kingdom. This was the focus of discussions when they met at the Residence of Barbados High Commissioner Milton Inniss, on Wednesday March 20, in what Trinidad and Tobago High Commissioner Orville London described as "a highly interactive and productive retreat". London said that, "at the retreat, participants engaged in team building and a rigid reevaluation of their roles, as representatives of their respective countries in the modern era". He noted that "the diplomatic environment in the United Kingdom has become even more complex in recent years" and opined that "the small and vulnerable Caribbean states must devise strategies for more effective collaboration and more meaningful interventions".

According to London, "all the participants were satisfied with the outcomes from the retreat and many of the recommendations will be actioned within the coming months". The Caricom Heads of Mission Caucus meets in monthly sessions hosted by the respective Missions, on a rotation basis.

SPORTS

DWIGHT YORKE JOINS TRIBUTE TO BERTILLE ST CLAIR

At left: Professor Frankie Mohammed, left, presents Bertille St Clair with a painting of himself. **Above:** Dwight Yorke speaking at the function in honour of Bertille St Clair.

There were three days of celebration, accolades and anecdotes when former players, students, parents, officials and other sporting enthusiasts whose lives he had influenced, congregated in Tobago, to pay tribute to legendary football and cricket coach, Bertille St Clair. Former Manchester United forward Dwight Yorke, Angus Eve and other members on the National Junior and Senior Football squads whom St Clair had coached, standouts from the all conquering Signal Hill Senior Comprehensive teams of the 1980's and an array of public figures were among those who gave public testimony to the impact of St Clair, on them and the development of sport in the country and the region.

His Excellency Orville London who served with St Clair in the Tobago Cricket Association, the Tobago Football League, Scarborough Junior Secondary School and the Signal Hill Secondary School was not in Tobago for the celebrations but was able to share his thoughts through a video link. In his remarks, London described St Clair as "one of the most accomplished cricket and football coaches in the history of sport in Trinidad and Tobago". In praising his "capacity, commitment, courage and resilience"; London noted that "his work ethic and work load were mind boggling". He added that "although he had some setbacks, he always bounced back; because he remained focused on his basic commitment to improving the life chances of young people, through sport".

St Clair who is the recipient of the Chaconia and Hummingbird Silver medals for his contribution to football, was a stickler for discipline and he returned to his life long mantra when he addressed the students at the Signal Hill Secondary School on Friday March 15. St Clair stressed that "success only comes through discipline. If you don't have discipline, you can't go anywhere". Speaking after a specially organised coaching clinic, St Clair appealed to the "powers that be" to provide incentives to the up and coming players. He argued that "if you keep the children of today busy and organised, crime will be furthest from their minds".

Pictured: (L-R) Marvin Thompson, Gabriel Mitchell and Trevor Baird making presentations to Bertille St Clair (second from left).

WEST INDIES CRICKETERS SEEK WORLD CUP GLORY

The West Indies cricket team returns to the United Kingdom next month, intent on recapturing lost glory, in the 2019 edition of the Cricket World Cup. After winning the first two versions in 1975 and 1979, then suffering a shock defeat to India in the 1983 final, the West Indies would have failed to reach the final in any of the eight subsequent tournaments.

The regional team has struggled over the past two decades and was not even ranked among the top eight countries that earned automatic qualification for the final stage of this year's tournament. However, supporters at home and in the United Kingdom were buoyed by the performance of a resurgent West Indies in the recent series against the highly rated England squad. They are optimistic that the "men from the Caribbean" could astound the pundits and return to Lords, the venue of their two initial triumphs, for the final on Sunday July 14. Commenting on his team's chances, West Indies captain Jason Holder said "A lot of teams see us as a dangerous side because they are a bit unsure about what we can produce on any given day. I just think what we have seen in the recent past has given us a lot of confidence. It's just for us to go out there fearless and play".

Pictured: World Cup 2019 West Indies Team batsman Darren Bravo, **Top right:** Team Captain Jason Holder

ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP ENGLAND & WALES 2019

Qualifying Round Fixtures for West Indies

June 06 vs Australia at Trent Bridge
June 10 vs South Africa at Southampton
June 14 vs England at Southampton
June17 vs Bangladesh at Taunton
June 22 vs New Zealand at Old Trafford
June 27 vs India at Old Trafford
July 01 vs Sri Lanka at Chester-le-Street
July 04 vs Afghanistan at Headingley

In this year's format, all ten teams will play each other in a group stage, extending from May 30 to July 6. The top four teams, at the completion of the 45 preliminary round matches, will qualify for the semifinals, to be played at Old Trafford on July 9 and Edgbaston on July11. West Indies start the tour at the Bristol Ground, with warm up matches against New Zealand on May 25, and South Africa on May 26.

RETIRED CARIBBEAN NURSES CELEBRATE

Pictured: (L-R) Yvonne Coghill CBE, OBE, FRCN, Vice President of the Royal College of Nursing with attendees, **Photo: Twitter| Yvonne Coghill,** Antigua and Barbuda High Commissioner Karen Mae Hill, Trinidad and Tobago High Commissioner Orville London and Acting High Commissioner of Dominica Janet Charles, **Photo: Antigua and Barbuda High Commission**

Although Caribbean nurses have contributed to the National Health Service and, by extension, the welfare of residents in the United Kingdom for seven decades, they are still underrepresented in the higher levels of the profession. This phenomenon was highlighted by Joan Myers, OBE, QN, Associate Director of Health Services, in her address when the Retired Caribbean Nurses Association held its 6th Annual Gathering, at the London Metropolitan Archives. Citing data to support the marked disparity in opportunities for the advancement of black and ethnic minority nurses when compared with white nurses, Myers said that the situation is untenable. She reported that she is a member of a team which has been working on a project whose objective is to ensure that there is significant improvement by 2025.

Also addressing the gathering were Antigua and Barbuda High Commissioner Karen Mae Hill, Acting High Commissioner of Dominica Janet Charles and Trinidad and Tobago High Commissioner Orville London. In his address, London praised the retired nurses who had "endured the hardships, surmounted the challenges and blazed the trail, not only for the present cohort of nurses, but for all Caribbean people now living and working in the United Kingdom". He urged those gathered to continue to "tell your stories and share your experiences with the younger members of the Caribbean diaspora who must be inspired and encouraged, not only to survive and develop in the face of discrimination and adversity, but to remain committed to their Caribbean heritage".

COMPENSATION FOR WINDRUSH GENERATION

The Home Secretary has confirmed that members of the Windrush generation will be compensated. In a recent correspondence, Minister of State for Immigration, Caroline Noakes said that Home Secretary Sajid Javid had made it his priority "to right the wrongs suffered by members of the Windrush generation who have experienced losses due to "their inability to demonstrate their right to live in the United Kingdom". She noted the Government's commitment to establish a compensation scheme and reported that when the public consultation closed on 16 November 2018, there were 1,435 responses from people and organisations, as well as feedback from the focus groups, in addition to the 650 responses to the Call for Evidence which preceded the consultation.

The Government, she said, "has now responded to the consultation and set out plans for the Windrush Compensation Scheme". The compensation scheme will provide payments to individuals who suffered losses as a result of not being able to evidence their lawful status in the UK. These could range from loss of employment or access to housing, education or NHS health care to emotional distress or a deterioration in mental and physical health". In some circumstances, eligibility for consideration could extend to children and grandchildren of Commonwealth citizens settled in 1973 and even close family members of eligible claimants.

Claim forms can be downloaded and guidance on completing the forms can be found at www.gov.uk/windrush-compensation. Anyone who needs a claim form to be sent by post should call the helpline at 0800 678 1925 or via email WindrushCompensationScheme@homeoffice.gov.uk where they can request a call back if they are overseas.

Meanwhile, in February, Home Secretary Sajid Javid gave an update on the progress made in regularising the status of affected persons from the Windrush generation. According to the update, 2453 individuals were given documentation confirming status, of whom 93 are nationals of Trinidad and Tobago. On 24 May 2018, Javid issued a statement in the Parliament, indicating that members of the Windrush generation, their children born in the UK and those who arrived in the UK as minors will be able to apply for citizenship or various other immigration products, free of charge. Under this scheme, 4,106 individuals (including 110 nationals of Trinidad and Tobago), have been granted Citizenship or Indefinite Leave to Remain.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT TTUK HEADQUARTERS

Far left: Trinidad and Tobago Association members caroling, **At left:** High Commissioner London, presented with a token from TTUK committee member. **Photos: TTUK**

High Commissioner Orville London and his wife Brigid London were special guests when the Trinidad and Tobago Association (UK) hosted its annual Christmas Carols at the Association's headquarters in Green Lane, London, on Sunday December 9.

The highly interactive and entertaining event was led by members of the St Ignatius Caribbean Choir who were able to elicit maximum audience participation. In addressing the gathering, High Commissioner London lauded the Association and the choir for maintaining a tradition which blended the reverence, the energy, the joy and all those other elements which contribute to the uniqueness of a Trinidad and Tobago Christmas.

At the end of the show, special awards were presented to three individuals who, according to the TTUK chairperson Louise Simmons, had made outstanding and longstanding contributions to TTUK. Awardees were Winnie Greer, Neville Hartley and Irvine Spencer.

NATIONALS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Trinidad and Tobago nationals in the United Kingdom were joined by friends and well wishers for the Annual Christmas Party at the London Mission, on Friday 14 December. The event which was organised by the nationals, featured live entertainment from lawyer Michele Beute, in her role as raconteur; her brother Carlos Baldeosingh, with a comic routine; pannist Dexter Marchand; opera singer Rosalin Karamm and her husband who did separate performances and singer Anthony West. As in any "good Trinidad and Tobago Christmas party", the supply of food, drinks, condiments and "ole talk" seemed inexhaustible.

In a brief address, High Commissioner Orville London praised the organisers for their efforts. He noted that 2018 was a productive year for the Mission and urged nationals to continue to collaborate, not only in adding value to their lives in the United Kingdom, but in contributing to the development of their country and its people.

Top: High Commissioner London greeting nationals, **Bottom left:** Opera singer Rosalin Karamm serenades with song, **Bottom right:** Nationals partaking of the various christmas party food.

JUST VIBEZ CARIBBEAN CHRISTMAS

Submitted by **JUST VIBEZ**

Last December the JUST VIBEZ crew (@justvibez) was asked to curate a day of Caribbean Christmas Activities at the Iconic South Bank Centre. Having curated summer time and Carnival events previously at South Bank venues it was the perfect opportunity to showcase and share Caribbean Culture and Christmas traditions not often shared with the wider London/ UK community.

The day of FREE events began in the Clore Ballroom of the Royal Festival Hall with sessions where poets and story tellers from the French, Spanish, Dutch and English speaking Caribbean spoke about the traditions in their home islands and regions. This included stories and spoken word by Fiona Compton (@knowyourcaribbean) showcasing the French Caribbean; Davika Barrow from Suriname presented traditions and stories from her home country and Trinbagonian poet and author Lancelot Chancel performed a piece about his childhood at Christmas time in Tobago. Children and parents alike were also treated to a session where they were able to create their own French Caribbean masquerade hats which was a hit with all ages. JUST VIBEZ DJs Audiohazard and Vendetta played classic calypso and parang and there was a special performance by Guadeloupe and Martinique band Zi loka which was very well received. The events in the Clore Ballroom ended with a "kiddies jump up" where parents and children partied to soca, in their own special Christmas fete.

The afternoon session began in the Queen Elizabeth Hall with the sweet songs of steel band presented by CSI steel band and a performance by Jada the accomplished teenage violinist. Both acts were well received. The venue was now full, with several hundred persons braving the outdoor elements to attend. Alexander D' Great and D' Alberto treated the crowd to a performance of old time Calypso from Kitchener to Sparrow to their own compostions, including the highly popular "Harry for King". The duo ended off their performance with a number of parang and soca parang hits, happily sending the crowd down memory lane. The evening concluded with host MC and British/Trinbagonian legend Leslie Palmer thanking the crowd for attending and commending them on coming out to experience and share in a taste of Caribbean Christmas at the South Bank. The JUST VIBEZ Djs then played tunes from across the islands sending all ages into a soca frenzy with young, old, Caribbean and non Caribbean patrons jumping, singing and enjoying themselves to the maximum.

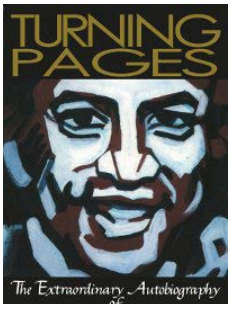
Just Vibez would like to thank all who contributed to and supported the days' events. They will be back at the South bank for another free event this Spring and Summer. Follow them on @ Justvibez on Instagram and on Facebook to see their upcoming events in London and as far as Australia and Trinidad and Tobago. They can also be contacted or booked to curate and dj events via justvibezldn@gmail.com

Top left: Cross section of the audience, **Top right:** Leslie Palmer OBE and De Alberto, **Middle:** T&T nationals Edisson PureLime Chocolate Mas, Josanne Tang Nian and Ms Tariq 'DJ Raskal' Salem, **Bottom:** Handheld T&T flags were among the many Caribbean flags on sale. **Photos courtesy Just Vibez**

RON RAMDIN HONOURED IN LONDON

Pictured: Ron Ramdin

Marabella born historian, biographer and novelist RON RAMDIN was honoured by the Windrush '70 Foundation as a Pioneer and Champion when the organisation hosted a Special Event in Brixton Town Hall, on Friday 14th December, 2018. Ramdin, a prolific writer, has authored 16 books, including the highly rated TURNING PAGES: The Extraordinary Autobiography of Ron Ramdin, History of Trade Unionism in Trinidad and Tobago; the Other Middle Passage; From Chattel Slave to Wage Earner and The Making of the Black Working Class in Britain, a Classic of British (history, culture and society) literature. Other novels, Rama's Voyage and The Griot's Tale have also been highly praised. Having recently completed Fields of Lilac, he is currently working on his fourth novel, The Imagined Manuscript.



RON RAMDIN who is the holder of the Higher Doctorate, the Doctor of Literature (D.Lit) from the University of London, is a tireless worker for social justice. He was the first black person to be elected as a Trade Union leader in the British Museum. He was also the first elected Secretary of the Whitley Council Staff Side when the great British Library was formed. He is an elected Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and a Fellow of the Royal Society of arts.

Over the decades, he has presented academic papers at universities across Britain and has lectured widely in schools, libraries and various other public places in Britain, Europe and the Caribbean.

ADRIAN JOSEPH RECEIVES OBE IN QUEEN'S NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST

Pictured: Adrian Joseph OBE

In recognition of his "Services to Equality and to Diversity in Business", Arima born Adrian Joseph was awarded the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE), in the Queen's New Year Honours List for 2019. In November 2018, Joseph who is a partner in Ernst and Young and Head of Artificial Intelligence for the UK, was voted by the Financial Times and Inclusive Boards, as the most influential technology leader responsible for the promotion of minority groups in the UK workplace. His commitment to improving the life chances of Black, Asian and minority groups in the United Kingdom, is further exemplified by his activities as a trustee of the Aleppo Foundation charity and Chair of the Race Equality Board of Business in the Community.

The graduate of St Mary's College and the Trinidad and Tobago Hotel School, is convinced that there are enormous opportunities in the realm of new technologies and the wider world of work and that there are numerous, talented young people who can benefit from these opportunities. He is a strong advocate for mentoring and sponsorship of young people as they attempt to navigate what can be a challenging environment where there would be setbacks, and where the path ahead is not always clear. Joseph is convinced that business will benefit from greater diversity. In a recent interview, he said "More diversity means more creativity to deliver better business value. It is not about philanthropy, it's about doing the right thing, but doing the right thing for our businesses and our organisations".

In a discussion with High Commissioner Orville London at the London Mission, last month, Joseph said that he could be available for collaboration with agencies and organisations in Trinidad and Tobago. He expressed special interest in programmes related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Learning initiatives in the country.

COURTESY CALL FROM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO BORN SERGEANT OF ARMS

Rennie Sookralli, Associate Sergeant of Arms in the House of Commons, paid a courtesy call on High Commissioner Orville London, at the London Mission, on Wednesday 06 February. The San Fernando born Sookralli migrated to the United Kingdom with his mother in 1990, at the age of seven. Despite his relative youth, he went to the House of Commons five years ago, after holding high profile positions in both the public and private sectors. His duties, as Associate Sergeant of Arms, include "maintaining the safety and security of the House of Commons Chamber and carrying out ceremonial duties". He is required to carry the mace for the Speaker's procession each day and also into the House of Lords during the state opening of Parliament.

Sookralli reported that he returned to Trinidad and Tobago in September 2018 when he took the opportunity to meet and share experiences with Presiding Officer Denise Tsoiafatt Angus and other officers in the Legislature of the Tobago House of Assembly.

At left: Rennie Sookralli, Associate Sergeant of Arms in the House of Lords carrying the mace for the Speaker's procession. **Above:** Rennie Sookralli in his ceremonial uniform. **Photos courtesy Rennie Sookralli**

ORGANIC CERTIFICATION FOR TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO COCOA ESTATES

Tobago born cocoa farmer, Duane Dove has reported that the Tobago Cocoa Estate of Roxborough in Tobago and the Matsay Cocoa Estate of Tamana in Trinidad have both received 100% ORGANIC CERTIFICATION from CERES (Certification of Environmental Standards). According to Dove, "this is an historic moment for the Trinidad and Tobago cocoa industry as we are the first cocoa estates to accomplish this". The certification authorises Dove to use the CERES seal on the organic produce of the estates and would enhance the credibility and marketability of the products.

Pictured: Duane Dove and Team displays the Tobago Cocoa Estates W.I. Ltd's 100% Organic Certification from CERES. **Photos courtesy Duane Dove**

Dove said that he is "truly elated by this event and looking forward to greater things to come". Over the past decade, Dove has been in the forefront of marketing Trinidad and Tobago's fine cocoa products in the European and recently, in the United States markets. These products have won numerous awards and on November 17, the Tobago Estate Chocolate Laura Dark Milk 45% received World Silver at the International Chocolate Awards World Finals, in Florence, Italy.

TERRANCE PEREZ EXCELS AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Pictured: Terrence Perez (middle) and family with High Commissioner Orville London.

Terrence Perez continues to excel, both academically and in the workplace. In February 2019, the former St Mary's College student received the inaugural Programme Director's Award, as the top student in MSc. in the Major Programme Management, at the University of Oxford. The class for the two year course consisted of sixty of the top programme managers globally, representing twenty-five countries. Speaking to High Commissioner Orville London when he and his young family visited the London Mission, Perez said that "this MSc. equips me with the skills required to adequately manage the challenges faced in major programme and megaproject management, where currently greater than 60% of industrial projects do not meet their cost, schedule and performance objectives (IPA, 2011)".

Perez who now resides in Saudi Arabia, is currently the Head of Capital Programme Risk Management at Saudi Aramco, overseeing the risk management for all of the organization's projects, within its multibillion dollar capital program. Prior to the Saudi Arabia stint, he spent four years in Australia working on the Bonaparte floating LNG project for Gaz de France (GDF SUEZ). Before leaving Trinidad and Tobago, he was the Commercial Manager for GDF SUEZ, managing its interests in Atlantic LNG for five years.

The Arima born achiever is the holder of a BSc. in Chemical Engineering, an MBA specializing in International Finance and a Master's in Corporate and Commercial Law from the University of the West Indies. Perez is of the firm belief that his academic and professional background played a critical role in qualifying him for the University of Oxford award and he is appreciative of the quality of education which he received in Trinidad and Tobago. He assured High Commissioner London that "I am very interested in supporting the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to share some of my expertise in programme management and I would be keen to have additional discussions in this regard with you and other members of the Government to explore this further".

INVESTT PURSUES COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS WITH T&T DIASPORA ON POTENTIAL FOR TRADE, INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Submitted by **INVESTT LIMITED**

"The Caribbean diaspora is a well-educated and affluent group of individuals, who have great potential to make valuable contributions to the Caribbean's economic development, both through the sharing of their knowledge and through the substantial financial resources they can bring to ear." – (an excerpt from "Diaspora Investing – The Business and Investment Interests of the Caribbean Diaspora," 2013.)

As the national investment promotion agency (IPA), InvesTT recognizes the significance of the Trinidad and Tobago diaspora (TT diaspora) to the advancement of the country's economic and social development goals. In 2018, the diaspora community as a collective whole was identified as a strategic influencer and partner in the IPA's mandate to attract local and foreign direct investment. This led to the launch of the **iLoveTT initiative** which is designed to bring together the country's internationally

spread diaspora to share ideas on the growth and development of some of the country's key non-energy sectors such as Creative Industries, Agro-Processing, ICT, Manufacturing and Tourism.

Through this initiative, InvesTT aims to facilitate ongoing engagement on local matters of economic interest. The agency's first step was the launch of an evergreen TT Diaspora Survey, whereby members of the diaspora community can provide key information, ideas and perspectives. The agency also conducts free webinars with the objective of engaging discussion on potential areas of direct contribution by the diaspora.

Designed to be a collaborative effort between key stakeholders and industry specialists, the first webinar held in November 2018 – *Engaging the T&T Diaspora – An online conversation*, was co-hosted by InvesTT, Film TT, Fashion TT, ExporTT and the African and Caribbean Board of Investment and Trade (Canada). The webinar served as a launch pad for the agencies' representatives to introduce their mandates to the TT diaspora and to jumpstart future discussions on the local creative industry. A wealth of information on the perspectives and interests of the diaspora was received from 167 participants.

The agenda of the second webinar fed off the information garnered from the first session and was entitled – *'Maximizing the Commercial Potential of Trinidad and Tobago's Carnival.'* Held in February 2019, in concert with the annual Carnival celebrations, the discussion panel featured creative industry experts, Jules Sobion, Merten Kaatz, Gareth Jenkins and Dr. Keron Niles and was moderated by Shyamal Chandradathsingh, VP Investments at InvesTT. The discussion focused on the country's design capacity and the best path to leverage its creative industries into long-term investment, and the important role of the TT diaspora. Topics included - The Carnival model, Building creative linkages, Attracting and encouraging the creative design capacity among our youths, Opportunities emerging from the creative sector and Next steps.

InvesTT continues to utilize a number of channels to maintain ongoing engagement with its growing diaspora community. In addition to its **corporate website page**, the iLoveTT initiative has an online presence on social media platforms **LinkedIn** (**iLoveTT**) and **Instagram** (**TTDiaspora**). Through these mediums information on current events, investment opportunities and social programmes as well as country data reports, achievements and useful investment guidelines are made accessible to the diaspora community. Members of the TT diaspora are also provided with a channel for discussing advancement of the country's developmental goals via InvesTT's LinkedIn discussion group **Trinidad and Tobago Business Diaspora – iLoveTT.**

For more information on the iLoveTT initiative, please contact InvesTT at **ttdiaspora@investt.co.tt**

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TRINIDAD&TOBAGO CARNIVAL 2019 RESULTS

THE MONARCH

National Calypso Monarch
- Ronaldo London - "*Man's Imagination*"

International Soca Monarch - Power
- Mr Killa - "*Run With It*"

International Soca Monarch - Groovy
- Swappi - "*Party Start*"

Chutney Soca Monarch
- Nishard Mayrhoo & Neval Chatelal - "*Fyah*"

Young King
- Ronaldo London - "*Man's Imagination*"

Junior Calypso Monarch
- Rivaldo London - "*My Purpose*"

Junior Soca Monarch
- Stefan Camejo - " *Raise Up" &*
- Sherissa Redhead - "*I Luv Meh Carnival*"

Junior Chutney Soca Monarch
- (Secondary School) Mackhadyon Charles - "*One Family*"
- (Primary School) Avindha Singh - *"Take Your Education Seriously"*

Road March 2019
- Machel Montano, Buji Garlin and Skinny Fabulous - "*Famalay*"

Clockwise from top: Ronaldo London. **Photo: cnc3.co.tt**, Nishard Mayrhoo and Neval Chatelal. **Photo: Nishard Mayrhoo | Facebook,** Machel Montano, Buji Garlin and Skinny Fabulous **Photo: AP**, and Avindha Singh. **Photo: TrinidadExpress**

Photo: NCCTT | Facebook

PANORAMA

National Panorama (Large)
- BPTT Renegades - "*Hookin Meh*"

National Panorama (Medium)
- Pan Elders - "*The Will*"

National Panorama (Small Band)
- T&T Defence Force - "*Maxi Dub*"

National Panorama (Single Pan)
- San Juan East Side Symphony - " *Iron Man*"

National Junior Panorama (Secondary Schools)
- Guaico Presbyterian Primary School - "*Iron Love*" "

Photo: BP Renegades Steel Orchestra | Facebook

PARADE OF THE BANDS

Senior King
- Joseph Lewis - "*Ghelgath - The Demon Lord of Ice*"

Senior Queen
- Shynel Brizan - "*Mariella, Shadow of Consciousness*"

Overall Band of the Year
- K2K Alliance and Partners

Senior Large Band Winner
- The Lost Tribe - "*Taj*"

Senior Medium Band Winner
- K2K Alliance and Partners - "*Through the Stained Glass Windows*"

Senior Small Band Winner
- Tribal Connection Cultural Promotions - "*The Great Gathering - A Tribute to Astil*"

Junior Large Band Winner
- Classix Productions - "*Mas Mas Ah Know Yuh!*"

Junior Medium Band Winner
- Carnival Players Childrens Band - "*Emperor Valley Zoo Carnival Party*"

Junior Small Band Winner
- Cocolily Productions - "*Let's Play...*"

For the full list of results on the NCC Judging Criteria and other masband placement in the varoious catergories such as Schools Mas Band, please visit: ***https://bit.ly/2Hlh54I***

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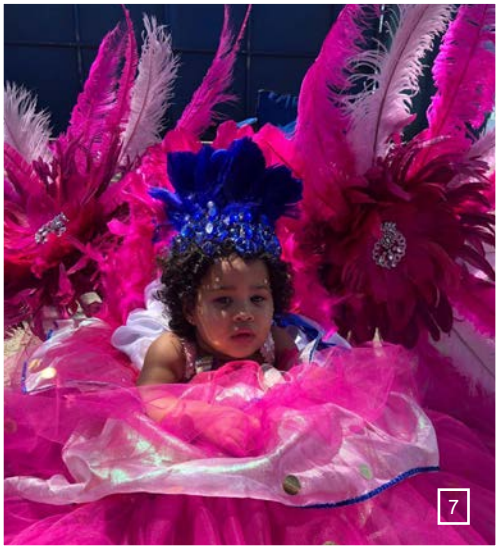
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Pictured: 1) The annual reenactment of the Canboulay riots on Picadilly Street, Port-of-Spain. **Photo: Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts, 2)** J'ouvert revellers**, Photo: Dirty Dozen J'ouvert, 3)** Jus Wee & Friends masquerader, **4)** 2019 Junior Queen Jermiah Walters portayal – "The Beauty of Our National Bird, Scarlet Ibis", **5)** The Moko Sõmõkow's moko jumbie band crossing the Queen's Park Savannah stage with (centre) 2019 Senior Carnival Queen - Shynel Brizan portayal - "Mariella, Shadow of Consciousness" and (right) 2019 Senior Carnival King runner-up, Tekel Sylvan portayal - "The Peacock becomes the Windows of the Universe", **6)** Traditional red indian mas band, **Photos: National Carnival Commission of Trinidad and Tobago, 7)** Red Cross Children's Carnival 2019 Babes in Arms runner up**,** One-year-old Reign Noreiga masquerader from Carivog Kids/ The Enchanted "Princess of the Fairies", **Photo: Carivog Kids, 8)** NCC Junior Carnival

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2019 Boys 1-5 (Creative Topical) winner Ezekiel Beach portrayal - "Pan By Storm: A Tribute To Ken Professor Philmore" from the mas band Beach and Associates Kiddies Carnival masband in Skinner Park, San Fernando, **Photo: RAPSO Imaging Limited, 9)** Soca Artiste and X-Factor UK 2018 Contestant Olatunji Yearwood with Designer Kelly Rajpaulsingh, **Photo: Kelly Rajpaulsingh, 10)** 2019 Senior Carnival Queen (Tobago) Anetta Winchester portayal - "Phoenix the Firebird" from the mas band Astra Winchester Creations' in Scarborough, Tobago, **11)** Cllr Nadine Stewart-Phillips, Tobago House of Assembly (THA) Secretary of Tourism, Culture and Transportation presents first place award to the 2019 THA Pan Champs - Redemption Sound Setters Steel Orchestra, **Photos: Division of Tourism, Culture and Transportation - THA, 12 - 16)** Kiddies Carnival masqueraders in Scarborough, Tobago, **Photos: Brigid London**

NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL 2019

Written by **ANSEL WONG | NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL LTD**

Above: NHCL Ambassador For Notting Hill Carnival 2018/19 - Alexandra Burke,
Top right: Download the official Notting Hill Carnival 2019 App from App Store and Google Play.
Photos Notting Hill Carnival Ltd

Earlier this year, the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea (RBKC) announced that the Carnival Village Trust (CVT) won the contract to manage the Notting Hill Carnival for the next three years.

CVT is London's Development Agency for Carnival funded by the Arts Council England and RBKC. This is the second year of CVT organising the Carnival.

Globally, the pre-Lenten festival that is Carnival has been refashioned and reinterpreted by Trinidad & Tobago's diasporic communities and local aficionados resulting in the staging of Trini inspired Carnivals from Miami to Kyoto; Toronto to Rotterdam.

Notting Hill is recognised as one of the most celebrated of these, attracting over 1 million participants and audiences over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Under its stewardship, CVT created a subsidiary company, Notting Hill Carnival Limited (NHCL) to stage the Carnival and NHCL plans to make Notting Hill a safe, secure and spectacular event that showcases the excellence and quality of the arts of Carnival with creativity and innovation featuring.

Speaking about plans for 2019, Matthew Philip, CEO of NHCL, promise that in 2019 audiences will see some major changes to make Carnival attractive & accessible to London's diverse communities with a special emphasis on families.

Matthew said: "We will make excellence & creativity in Mas, music and dance our key deliverables and develop a programme of events that not only features the arts of Carnival but create performance platforms where each participant can display their creations and audiences enjoy the spectacle in comfort".

Notting Hill Carnival is a festival that reflects the diverse cultures of London's communities; progressing from over 50 years of engagement to now, becoming a truly diverse festival where all of London's cultural communities and artists can and do participate.

Registration to participate is now complete with increases in the numbers of performing units (Mas Band, Calypsonians, Steel Bands) and artists and artisans (Designers, Arrangers, DJs) promising to be the most successful Carnival.

NHCL is reaching out to organisations that best represent these art forms to engage them in a cultural working partnership to make the event inclusive and to develop their art. No artist or performing unit will be excluded from participating once they are able to demonstrate compliance with NHCL's terms of participation.

For audiences, NHCL will be targeting the whole environment and ambience so that all spectators are guaranteed secure, safe and comfortable vantage points to see the performers in all their glory. The key vantage point along the route will host the new style Judging Zone and seating for audiences and guests.

For audiences and performers, crowd density at certain areas on the route continue to be a major challenge and NHCL is planning to minimise its negative impacts by reviewing the deployment of Route Marshalls and stewards, in partnership with performing units, the Police & Local Authority Officers.

A key target this year is the dominance of styles of dancing that engage with women in an abusive manner. This is important if attempts to reinvigorate Children's Day and make it attractive for families are to be successful.

So Carnival 2019 promises to be safe, secure and spectacular for everyone. It is also the year of some important milestones and anniversaries - Brexit & Windrush. No doubt these themes may well feature in the presentation of bands.

Notting Hill Carnival is on **Sunday 25th** and **Monday 26th August 2019.**

Panorama is on **Saturday 24th August 2019.**

The dates for other events will be announced later.

MOOMA OF DE LAKE – NEVER DONE

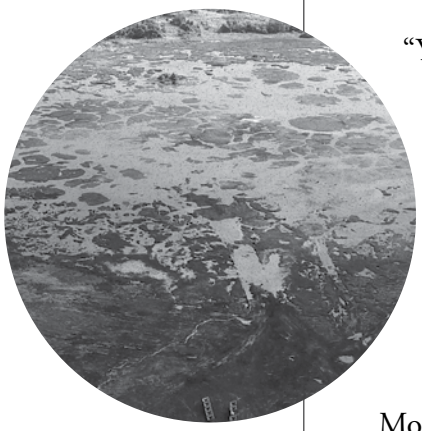
Written by **TANTIE MAUVAIS (LANGUE)**

Dark brown, pitted and wrinkle prone;
She sulphur breath stink and nasty people groan.
Skin soft in de day and firm at night;
Crowned by Birds of Paradise; what a sight.

Fertile, productive – never done;
Mooma can't finish what she begun.
She children dem dey under yuh foot;
Sleek and black and rukatuk.

Excavated from under she skin;
Ever replenishing de mystery begins.
Torn from dey mudder
And sold to another.

Yuh go find dem spread across de earth;
Roads and streets Mooma gives birth.
From 75 metres in she belly dey arise;
'All yuh bring back meh children', she cries.

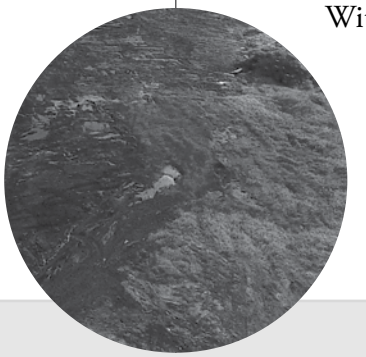


House and bridge Mooma will hijack;
To retrieve she children she go attack.
Dey name is asphalt, pitch and tarmac;
Hardwearing, rugged, mixed with stones and black.

"Yuh ever visit Mooma in La Brea?"
"Where dat?" I hear yuh say.
"Yuh does go deh every day
As yuh does walk to mek yuh way".

A piece of south Trinidad beneath yuh feet;
In summer radiating Caribbean heat.
Red, white and yellow lines,
Cats eyes, speed bumps of different kinds.

Mooma should ah be a seven world wonder;
Three of a kind, a planet enigma'
Sir Walter Raleigh caulked his ship;
With Mooma's pitch child in his grip.



When next yuh meet asphalt, pitch and tarmac
Don't forget to stop and look back.
Pay homage to Mooma of de lake
Because ah we, she children get take.

In La Brea, South Trinidad is an incredible natural phenomenon, the pitch lake; it is one of three in the world. It is fondly known as, 'Mooma of the Lake' and it has been supplying much of the world's asphalt for centuries. The phenomenon of Mooma is that asphalt is removed during the cool of the night when it is firm and the very next morning the lake replenishes and rejuvenates - Mooma has been doing so for many years.

This poem is written in homage to Trinbago's natural wonder. *We need to show Mooma respect for what she provides and protect Trinbago's natural resources at all times.*

Tantie Mauvais (Langue) - Name derived from the patois phrase Mauvais Langue (adj) = gossiper

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THE BASS MAN
SHADOW'S LEGACY OF LOVE
WINSTON BAILEY

Written by **SHELDON WAITHE | INS & OUTS OF TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 2019**

"For I believe in the stars in the dark night,
I believe in sun in the daylight,
I believe in the little children,
I believe in life and its problems"
(From 'My Belief', The Mighty Shadow)

Trinidad and Tobago mourned the loss of one of its most prolific calypsonians, Winston Bailey, who died on 23rd October 2018, just a few days before The University of the West Indies, St Augustine, was scheduled to bestow an honorary Doctorate on the beloved icon. But to many, the 'Bass Man' lives on. His distinctive music is indeed immortal.

Born in Belmont, Trinidad on October 2nd 1941, The Mighty Shadow, spent his childhood in Les Coteaux, Tobago; a village that inspired many of his songs including the classic, 'Pay The Devil'.

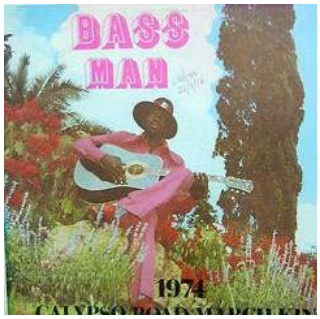
With his skeletal body suit, unique hop-on-one-spot dance, a nod to the macabre, Shadow took the music world by storm in 1974.

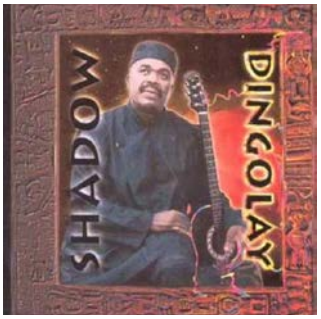
His musical versatility, lyrics and melodies were unmatched. His social commentary was delivered with humour ("Yuh Looking for Horn") and more than a touch of irony ("Poverty is Hell"). He remained a staunch defender of artists, at times attacking bootleggers ("Pirates") and bureaucracy ("Tension"). But even the most satirical songs held an underlying message of love and unity ("My Belief" and "One Love").

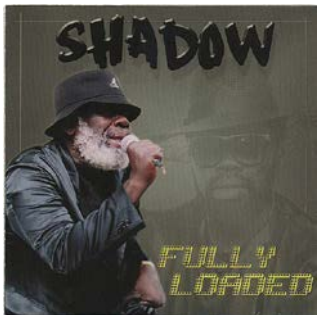
His trademark vocal tremble and irresistibly infectious musical arrangements gained him respect among the creative community and diehard fans. He won the Carnival Road March titles in 1974 and 2001, with "Bassman" and "Stranger", respectively; as well as the Calypso Monarch title in 2000. He was awarded the T&T Hummingbird Silver Medal in 2003 by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.

Few artists have made such a profound impact on the genre, with songs that were all titans. Quite simply, the Shadow had it all.

Album covers - Above: Return of de Bassman (1983) **Below (L-R)** Bass Man - 1974 Road March King (1974), Music Fever (1981), Dingolay (1994) Fully Loaded (2003)







Pictured: (L-R) The Mighty Shadow's son Sharlan Bailey, Tourism and Culture Secretary Nadine Stewart-Phillips, Calypso Rose, unveiling the dedication plaque in the Icons of Tobago Museum, at Fort King George. **Photo: THA**

TOBAGO HONOURS CULTURAL ICONS

A fitting tribute was paid to two of the island's most famous and best loved personalities when the Tobago House of Assembly commissioned the Icons of Tobago Museum and launched the Calypso Rose and Shadow Interactive Museum at Fort King George, last month. Dr. McCartha Linda Sandy-Lewis, has gifted her entire collection and all of her awards to the project and Dr Winston "Mighty Shadow" Bailey's archive will also be on display at the Museum.

Speaking at the launch of the Museum, THA Secretary of Tourism, Culture and Transportation, Councillor Nadine Stewart-Phillips said that "the exhibition will provide an avenue for students to access relevant information on both Calypso Rose and the Mighty Shadow, while cultural practitioners will have yet another avenue to showcase their talents and skills".

The Mighty Shadow died in October 2018, aged 77, after a career spanning over five decades. The 78 year old Calypso Rose has been performing since 1964 and, in recent years, her popularity has extended to France and the rest of Europe. In 2017, her album "Far from Home", released the previous year, won the 2017 World Album of the Year prize at the French music award ceremony, Les Victoires de la Musique.

Pictured: (L-R) The Mighty Shadow's son Sharlan Bailey, Tourism and Culture Secretary Nadine Stewart-Phillips, Chief Secretary Kelvin Charles, Calypso Rose, cuts the ribbon to open the Icons of Tobago Museum, at Fort King George. **Photo: Division of Tourism, Culture & Transportation - Tobago House of Assembly**

TOURISM TRINIDAD LIMITED WELCOMES CEO – MS CAMILLE CAMPBELL

Tourism Trinidad Limited (TTL) has welcomed the appointment of Ms. Camille Campbell as Chief Executive Officer. Ms. Campbell brings to the organization more than 20 years of combined experience in the public and private sector, having held senior leadership positions in Marketing Management, Business Planning and Development, Advertising and Digital Marketing.

She is a graduate of the University of the West Indies with a BSc in Management Studies, holds an MBA from York University, Toronto, Canada and a Masters in Telecommunications Management, from Coventry University in England.

Pictured: (L-R) Ms Camille Campbell, CEO (4th from left) surrounded by members of her executive team (L-R) Heidi Alert - Manager, Destination Development; Elizabeth M. Warner Julien - Manager, Corporate Communications and Stakeholder Relations, Natasha Lamy-Ramsden - Manager, Legal & Corporate Secretary, Ryan D'Arcy - Manager, Research, Strategy and Marketing and Nicole Forbes - Chief Financial Officer. **Photo courtesy TTL**

In her new role as CEO, Ms. Campbell will be responsible for developing the brand that is uniquely 'Trinidad's' tourism, as well as the strategies that will underpin and leverage the countries' extraordinary resources, infrastructure and cultural heritage.

Speaking on her appointment, Ms. Campbell said: "There have been significant changes in the global environment and increased competition within the sector that have rendered the traditional, cookie-cutter, cliché product offerings obsolete. We are reaching out to today's travellers, who yearn for an unforgettable destination experience. As such, we must ensure that we promote, package and sell Trinidad as a distinctive and globally competitive destination of choice and do our part to contribute to national development."

Ms. Campbell will report directly to the Chairman of the Board, Ms. Janelle Commissiong, who welcomes the appointment: "Ms. Campbell is well equipped to handle, along with her team of professionals, the challenging task of marketing and promoting Trinidad as an emerging tourism destination. We look forward with confidence and enthusiasm to working with her and the team to achieve TTL's goals and objectives."

Tourism Trinidad Limited (TTL) was incorporated in June 2017 as a limited liability company, wholly owned by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT).

Tourism Trinidad Limited,
Level 18, Tower D, International Waterfront Centre,
1A Wrightson Road, Port of Spain

TOBAGO AT ITB BERLIN 2019

Above: CEO of the Tobago Tourism Agency Mr. Louis Lewis conducting meetings with potential investors and stakeholders. **At left:** The Tobago Delegation engaging with visitors at the stand. **Photos: Tobago Tourism Agency**

Submitted by **TOBAGO TOURISM AGENCY**

Destination Tobago attended ITB Berlin to engage the German travel trade in efforts to boost arrivals to the island, and made significant progress in achieving this goal by establishing key partnerships, pursuing new avenues for industry growth, and launching the Tobago Beyond brand at the world's leading travel trade show.

Internationale Tourismus- Börse (ITB) in Berlin, Germany is the world's leading travel trade show of historical magnitude in the tourism industry, addressing important issues in the global tourism industry and presenting solutions to help mitigate current and future challenges.

The Tobago contingent was led by Chief Secretary Hon. Kelvin Charles, and included Councillor Nadine Stewart-Phillips, Secretary of Tourism, Culture and Transportation, Dr. Sherma Roberts, Chairperson of TTAL's Board, Mr. Louis Lewis, CEO of the Tobago Tourism Agency Limited (TTAL), and other tourism officials from Tobago.

Greater alignment in selling Tobago

Tobago was able to establish partnerships with specialist tour operators that can focus on selling the four distinct cornerstones of the island's appeal: seas and beaches, eco-adventure and nature, romance and weddings, and local culture, people and heritage.

These operators will sell experiences on the island in addition to flights and accommodation, to increase online expenditure on the island and drive business to tourism related businesses in Tobago.

Destination marketing in the digital age

Tobago's tourism officials met with travel agents, tour operators and influencers with a strong digital footprint – including the fastest growing travel start-up in Germany – to discuss advertising and promotion opportunities on new media channels.

This is part of a strategic plan for targeted engagement of the German source market through multi-channel digital platforms that are relevant to various target groups in the German market. This includes avenues such as podcasts, blogs, Spotify and Pinterest, all geared towards expanding the Tobago Tourism Agency's #101reasonsTobago digital marketing campaign.

This social media campaign has been cultivated to highlight all the unforgettable reasons to visit Tobago, from activities, authentic experiences and thrilling adventures that take you 'beyond the ordinary'. The idea is for visitors to contribute to the online content and overall digital conversation about the untouched, unspoilt, undiscovered Tobago.

"Tobago Beyond" brand launch

A significant undertaking at ITB Berlin by the Tobago delegation was the launch of the Tobago Beyond brand and "Go to Market Strategy" specifically tailored for influential German speaking travel media and travel trade stakeholders.

Tobago's tourism authorities launched the new brand identity on the island in October 2018, and on the international stage at WTM London in November 2018. Germany, combined with its neighboring landlocked and socio-culturally similar countries Austria and Switzerland, provides Tobago with more than 15% of the island's international passenger arrivals, and is the second largest source market. Thus, it was critical that the new Tobago Beyond brand be launched in Germany using ITB Berlin as a platform.

In her address, Secretary of Tourism, Culture and Transportation, Councillor Nadine Stewart-Phillips pledged the Tobago House of Assembly's commitment to improving the existing relationship between Germany and Tobago.

"We remain committed to working with Condor Airlines whilst seeking out new business, which will ensure your travel to Tobago is hassle-free. We are ushering a new way of approaching tourism by improving our existing product offerings, greater marketing and visibility of the destination, improved airlift and

connectivity and improving our standard of service," stated Councillor Stewart-Phillips.

Chief Secretary of the Tobago House of Assembly, the Honourable Kelvin Charles invited the media to experience the natural beauty that the island offers visitors. He also informed the German market of the infrastructural development taking place, specifically the construction of a new terminal building at the ANR Robinson International Airport and the construction of a marina in the south western end of Tobago.

Pictured: (L-R) Chief Secretary of the Tobago House of Assembly, Hon. Kelvin Charles; Secretary of Tourism, Culture and Transportation Councillor Nadine Stewart-Phillips, Chairman TTAL Dr Sherma Roberts, TTAL Marketing Coordinator Ms. Sheena Des Vignes. and CEO of the Tobago Tourism Agency Mr. Louis Lewis. **Photo: Tobago Tourism Agency**

"Today's launch is a signal that we in Tobago are ready to re-establish and renew our ties with you our brothers and sisters in the German market. Once again, Tobago is ready to welcome you, entertain you and indulge you with our 101 reasons why you should visit our breathtaking island," Charles said.

GET SAFE ONLINE BRINGS FREE AND COMPREHENSIVE ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE TO T&T

Submitted by **GET SAFE ONLINE**

Bringing the best of the UK's cyber security expertise to other Commonwealth countries is the mission of the U.K. Commonwealth Cyber Security Programme, launched following the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in April 2018.

One part of this programme is to deliver free, accessible, up to date and comprehensive advice about staying safe online to the people of Trinidad & Tobago.

Get Safe Online - a UK based not-for-profit organisation - launched a brand new website in Trinidad and Tobago on 1st April 2019. The site includes comprehensive online safety advice and information on the latest online safety risks, specific to people in Trinidad & Tobago.

Alongside the website, a series of public awareness campaigns will run throughout the next 12 months to raise maximum awareness about online safety among the general public in Trinidad & Tobago. The aim is to help everyone, from the most online savvy to those who are less confident using the internet become more risk-aware and better protected online.

Global Ambassador for Get Safe Online, Peter Davies, doesn't want people to be scared away from internet use. "In Trinidad & Tobago, just as in other Caribbean countries we are working with, most people already have a "digital life", and benefit from the information, opportunities and personal empowerment it can bring. Creating and sustaining a digital economy also brings more wealth and opportunities to the region. We want people to realise those benefits confidently while knowing how to avoid pitfalls such as lottery scams, romance fraud, and phishing. We also want to encourage people - especially the younger generation - not to "overshare" personal images or information. That can come back to haunt them and put them at risk."

The new online safety initiative comes at no cost to the country. It has been welcomed by officials - Angus Smith, Manager of the Cyber Security Incident Response Team in Port of Spain, says:" The **getsafeonline.tt** website will provide easily accessible cyber security awareness information to the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago in order to enable persons to be informed as to measures they can take to ensure proper cyber hygiene. It provides easy to understand information on a wide variety of technology issues.".

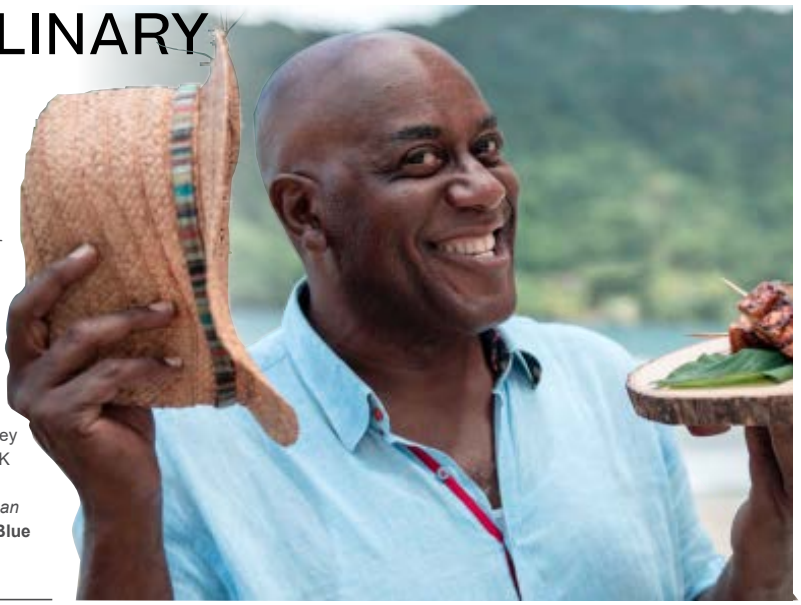
getsafeonline.tt launched on 1 April.

COMMON ONLINE RISKS

- **Lottery scams** are a particularly common problem in the Caribbean, with people being deceived into sending money to someone who claims to have a lottery win waiting for them.
- **Romance fraud** is where people looking for love online are deceived into a relationship and often results in them "lending" money to a partner who turns out not to be what or who they claimed to be.
- **Phishing** is a very widespread issue plaguing businesses and people. Confidential data is conned out of people in a variety of ways, which is then used to draw money from accounts or generate fake payments.
- **People have lost life savings** to these scams, and businesses have gone under because of them.

Information about how to protect against these hazards and more is freely accessible from the website.

T&T STARS IN UK CULINARY SERIES ON ITV



Left: Chef Debra Sardinha-Metivier with Chef Ainsley Harriott shopping in Central Market. **Photo: Ainsley Harriott / Facebook.** **Right:** Chef Ainsley Harriott, star of UK culinary series, *Ainsley's Caribbean Kitchen.* **Photo: Blue Marlin TV**

Trinidad and Tobago's food and locations were in the spotlight on two episodes of ITV's Ainsley's Caribbean Kitchen, a UK-based culinary series.

This international production is one of several that were recently shot on location in Trinidad and Tobago, hiring local production crew and engaging a range of local service suppliers.

In November 2018, the UK's Blue Marlin Television, working together with local production company Imagine Media International, spent 10 days (5 days in Trinidad and 5 in Tobago) shooting scenes for the 2 episodes. The Trinidad show (aired Sunday February 3rd at 11.30 am) featured master Executive Chef, Debra Sardinha-Metivier, as she takes Chef Ainsley Harriott, star of the series, shopping in Central Market.

Tara Deolal, who readily agreed to a cook-a-long with Chef Ainsley in her home, showed him how to make dosti and sada roti. Chef Ainsley also prepared dishes from his local purchases on Tyrico Beach, chatted with bake and shark queen Natalie on Maracas Bay, and visited the Sewdass Sadhu Shiv Mandir (Temple in the Sea) and the 85-foot tall Hanooman Murti, the largest such statue of the Hindu god outside of India.

In the Tobago episode (aired Sunday February 10th at 11.30 am), Chef Ainsley visited Charlotteville to purchase fish, did a cook-a-long at the Blue Crab Restaurant, and prepared his version of local dishes on site at the Tropikist Hotel. The team also had time to visit Nylon Pool and Pigeon Point.

Producer Claire Wilks of Blue Marlin was enthusiastic in her praise for Trinidad and Tobago's culture and hard-working production crew. She shared, "Working with Lisa Wickham and Imagine Media TT on our latest series for ITV with Chef Ainsley Harriott meant that our short time in Trinidad and Tobago was maximised. Lisa sorted out everything for us, from before we landed, all the way through to our last lunch of doubles! She made each moment on both islands so easy for us. This meant that we could focus on filming, knowing that Lisa and her team were working away in the background making sure everything was set up for us."

Apart from this ITV series, Chef Ainsley is best known in the UK for his BBC series Can't Cook Won't Cook, Ready Steady Cook, and more than 12 best-selling books.

According to General Manager of FilmTT, Nneka Luke, "ITV and Blue Marlin Television selected Trinidad and Tobago for Ainsley's Caribbean Kitchen because of the unique value of our culture and cuisine, and the diversity of experience available here. The fact that each island was the focus of its own episode is a testament to the untapped gold of our daily lives that has the potential to capture the interest of international audiences. FilmTT continues to work with a growing network of public and private sector partners to improve the ease of shooting in Trinidad and Tobago for both local and international productions."

"These types of collaborations demonstrate what is possible when Trinidad and Tobago is identified as a film location and everything works like clockwork," stated Lisa Wickham, producer, President & CEO of Imagine Media International. "FilmTT provided excellent facilitation, and our stakeholders such as Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago, Ministry of Tourism, Port of Spain City Corporation and the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service responded to requests with urgency. I believe the British team would have had a seamless experience, which redounds to the benefit of the entire industry, as we look towards even more international productions investing in our location."

Producer Wilks expressed her interest in returning to our shores: "Filming in Trinidad and Tobago for the series showed us a different side to the Caribbean. We especially enjoyed filming in the Central Market, and at Maracas Bay and Tyrico Beach; it was just a shame that we couldn't stay longer to enjoy the sun and music. On Tobago, we enjoyed a trip out to Nylon Pool, and filmed at The Blue Crab Restaurant in Scarborough with the lovely Ken and Alison Sardinha. The people we met and filmed with in Trinidad and Tobago were so friendly and happy to help with our filming, we'd love to come back soon and explore more of the cuisine and culture of Trinidad and Tobago."

Creativett.co.tt | http://bit.ly/TTstarinCulinarySeriesonITV

T&T SIGNS ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH UNITED KINGDOM

Regardless of the Brexit outcome, Trinidad and Tobago will continue to enjoy preferential trade arrangements with the United Kingdom. This was the assurance given by the UK Minister of Trade Policy, George Hollingbery, when he and High Commissioner Orville London signed the Economic Partnership Agreement between CARIFORUM and the United Kingdom, at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, in London, on Monday April 01. London was authorised to sign on behalf of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, after Cabinet approved the agreement at its regular meeting on Thursday March 28.

Picutred: His Excellency Orville London signs CARIFORUM- UK trade agreement with Minister for Trade Policy, George Hollingbery M.P at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London. **Photos courtesy Department for International Development (DFID)**

According to Minister of Trade, Paula Gopee-Scoon, even if the United Kingdom leaves the European Union, "local businesses will continue to benefit from the duty-free exports of goods and the preferential treatment of services exports to the United Kingdom". She explained that the agreement eliminates all tariffs on all goods imported from the signing CARIFORUM states into the UK, while those Caribbean states will continue gradually to cut import tariffs on most of the region's imports from the UK. During the first ten months of 2018, Trinidad and Tobago recorded $TT 560 million dollars in export to the United Kingdom. These exports included methanol, liquefied natural gas, aromatic bitterness, articles of iron and steel, aromatic bitters, rum, beer, cereals, curry and shandy.

Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia and St Vincent and the Grenadines are the Caricom countries which signed off on the agreement on March 22. Speaking after that signing, Hollingbery said "we have a long-standing commitment to reduce poverty through trade, and this agreement will support jobs in key Commonwealth countries such as St Lucia, Belize, Grenada, Dominica, Barbados and Guyana for whom the UK currently accounts for more than a quarter of their trade in goods with the EU".

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2019

MONDAY 6TH MAY
EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY

MONDAY 27TH MAY
SPRING BANK HOLIDAY

THURSDAY 30TH MAY
INDIAN ARRIVAL DAY

WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE
LABOUR DAY

THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST
EMANCIPATION DAY

MONDAY 26TH AUGUST
SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY

SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST
INDEPENDENCE DAY

TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER
REPUBLIC DAY

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER
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PLACES OF INTEREST IN T&T

Pictured: Devil's Woodyard mud volcano. **Photo:** CNC3

DEVIL'S WOOD YARD – MUD VOLCANO

According to the GSTT, a mud volcano is a violent eruption of watery mud or clay which is usually accompanied by methane gas and which tends to build up a solid mud or clay deposit around its orifice which may have a conical or volcano-life shape.

Mud from volcanoes is usually a mixture of clay and salt water which is kept in a slurry-like state by the boiling or churning activity of escaping methane gas.

There are thirty two mud volcanoes located in various areas which includes Chatham, Erin, Palo Seco, Morne Diablo, Marac, Moruga, Tabaquite, Piparo, Grande-Ravine, Point Fortin, Forest reserve, and the most visited the Devil's Woodyard.

The Devil's Woodyard is located in New Grant near to Princes Town in the southern part of Trinidad. The legend is that "A relatively young volcanic site got its name after its first eruption in 1852 which shook the entire village and fell the tall trees and frightened the Amerindians villagers. Villagers at the time believed that the devil had come from beneath the earth to fell the woods. The mounds of earth which occasionally bubble and hiss continue to amaze visitors of the site. It is believed that these Amerindian people treated this mud volcano as an entrance to the underworld."

In1880, the grandsons of Queen Victoria, Princes Albert Victor and George who became King George V visited Trinidad aboard the HMS Bacchante and were taken to see the volcano. It was on this visit that they passed through Mission Village, planted two poui trees in the yard of the St Stephen's Anglican Church and the town became known as Princes Town in honour of the Princes.

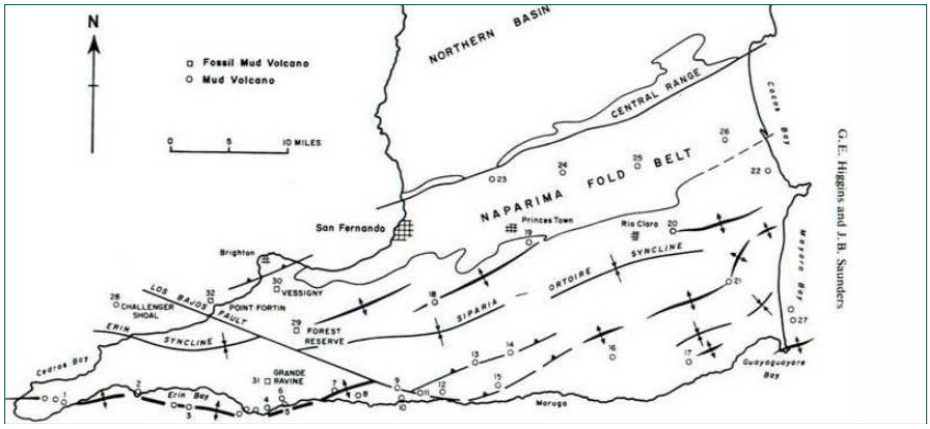
The last eruption of the Devil's Woodyear occurred in August 2018. Previously there was another eruption in February 2018, with an initial eruption on the 12th, followed by two more on the 13th.

There are a total of 32 known volcanoes throughout South Trinidad at the following locations:

- Columbus/ Galfa
- Islote
- Chatham
- Erin
- Anglais Point
- Palo Seco
- Chagonaray
- Coora
- Morne Diablo
- Morne Diablo Beach
- Landorf
- L'eau Michel
- Karamat
- Rock Dome
- Marac
- Moruga Bouffe
- Lagoon Bouffe
- Digity
- Devil's Woodyard
- Mayaro Bay
- Challenger Shoal
- Forest Reserve
- Vessigny
- Grande-Ravine
- Point Fortin

YOUR GUIDE TO TURTLE-WATCHING IN TOBAGO

Tobago gets a lot fewer turtles than Trinidad, but you will still see enough to make this an awesome experience. Plus, it's easier to get to



Above: Map shows the location of the mud volcanoes. **Diagram:** Geological Society of Trinidad and Tobago

Photo: Mitch Lensink / Unsplashed

them in Tobago. Hundreds of the giant leatherbacks and hawksbills nest on four main beaches - **Turtle Beach, Mt Irvine,** and **Stonehaven**. **Hawksbills** also nest in great numbers at the **Magdalena Grand.**

March to September is nesting season for the leatherbacks who may come from far away to nest on the beach where they were born. Their hatchlings will emerge six to eight weeks afterwards and head for the sea. Green turtles and hawksbills inhabit the coastal waters year round, and you can spot them foraging for food on the reefs and sea grass beds.

Turtle-watching etiquette

Turtles will not come out of the water and onto the beach if they see any lights or movements. It is very important that you keep all noise and movements to a minimum

There should be no flashlights (or flash photography), as any light can scare and disorient both mothers and hatchlings. Beachfront lights should also be turned off. If you stay on a nesting beach that hasn't turned off or converted their lights to turtle friendly ones, we encourage you to raise this with them.

- No campfires, please. Campfires can literally bake the nests in the sand below.
- No smoking while turtles are nearby.
- Please do not leave any litter behind because it can trap hatchlings. Turtles at sea also choke or suffocate when they mistake clear plastic bags for jellyfish.
- Driving on nesting beaches is absolutely forbidden - as is sitting on the turtles! Vehicles can crush the eggs in the sand.
- Do not stake umbrellas or any object that can damage eggs underneath. Sandcastles are also discouraged in case you disturb or destroy any eggs.
- Our turtles and hatchlings are legally protected and endangered. Please do not touch them - unless to save them from harm

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Please keep in mind you may need to apply for **transit visas if you are ravelling through countries which require it.** We have listed **99** destinations below, for the full list please visit: **https://www.henleypassportindex.com/passport**

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- Malaysia
- Maldives *
- Nepal *
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Sri Lanka *
- Timor-Leste *

Europe
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- Andorra
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Faroe Islands
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Gibraltar
- Greece
- Greenland
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Kosovo
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Moldova
- Monaco
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- San Marino
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- Vatican City

Africa
- Benin *
- Botswana
- Cape Verde Islands *
- Comores Islands *
- Djibouti *
- Egypt *
- Eswatini (Swaziland)
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea-Bissau *
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Madagascar *
- Malawi
- Mauritania *
- Mauritius
- Mayotte
- Mozambique *
- Reunion
- Rwanda *
- Senegal *
- Seychelles *
- Somalia *
- South Africa
- St. Helena *
- Tanzania
- Togo *
- Uganda *
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Oceania
- Cook Islands
- Fiji
- French Polynesia
- Kiribati
- Micronesia
- New Caledonia

Asia
- Bangladesh *
- Cambodia *

/// * Visa on arrival ///

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A TASTE OF HOME

MOUTHWATERING RECIPES FROM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

CURRIED EGGS & ALOO (POTATOES)

Ingredients

- 4 tbs vegetable oil
- 1 tbs chopped garlic
- 1 small onion, sliced
- 1 pimento pepper, chopped
- ½ hot pepper, optional
- 2 level tbs good quality curry powder
- ¼ cup water
- 4 medium-sized potatoes, peeled and cut into thin wedges
- 4 eggs, hard-boiled and shelled

Preparation
Prep Time: 20 minutes | Bake Time: 20 minutes | Serves 4

Method:

1. In a medium sized sauté pan, heat 2 tbs oil, add garlic, onion, and peppers, cook until fragrant.
2. Combine curry powder with water, add to pot, it should sizzle, cook until the water has evaporated, and the curry becomes very aromatic.
3. Add potatoes, stir to coat well with curry mixture. Now add about one cup of water and let the potatoes simmer until tender, about 15 to 20 minutes
4. Meanwhile fry the eggs, heat 2 tbs oil in a frying pan, dry the eggs thoroughly and place in hot oil, they will sizzle and spit. Roll them around in the hot oil until they are golden in colour.
5. When dark golden remove them and drain them on paper towels.
6. Check the potatoes, if they are tender, and there is sauce in the pot, place the eggs, cover and cook for about 5 minutes, if you need to add more water, do so before adding the eggs.
7. Serve hot with mango kutchela and sada roti.

SADA ROTI

Ingredients

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp. ghee or butter
- Water

Method:

1. Combine flour with salt and baking powder, rub butter into flour.
2. Add enough water to make a firm dough.
3. Turn dough onto a lightly-floured table and knead until smooth.
4. About 5 minutes.
5. Divide dough into 4 pieces. Round each piece of dough into a smooth ball.
6. Cover with a damp towel and let rest for 15 minutes.
7. Heat a baking stone until hot.
8. Roll out dough to about ½- inch thickness.
9. Place on heated baking stone, cook until small bubbles appear on dough.
10. Turn over roti and continue to cook for about 4 minutes longer.
11. Using pot holders or a towel pull the baking stone away from the fire toward you to expose the open flame or heat element.
12. Push the roti onto the open flame and swiftly turn around so that the roti begins to balloon. Shift the entire roti so that it comes in contact with the flame and balloons.
13. Remove from heat and wrap in towels. Repeat for other three rotis

Makes 4 sada rotis

From Wendy Rahamut - Cuisine Calling - https://newsday.co.tt/2019/01/19/curry-calling/

CURRIED FISH

Ingredients

Serves 4

- 1 3½ lb king fish sliced into one-inch thick slices
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 2 tbs fresh herb marinade
- 2 tbs vegetable oil
- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1small onion finely sliced
- 1 pimento pepper seeded and chopped
- ½ hot pepper, chopped
- 2 tbs curry powder
- 1/4 cup water
- ½ tsp fresh lime juice
- 1 green mango cut into eights or 2 tbs tamarind chutney
- 1tbs chopped Spanish thyme or chopped cilantro or chadon beni

Method:

1. Rub margarine into flour until crumbly.
2. Add milk and enough water to form a stiff dough
3. Roll out to approx..1/3 inch thickness and cut into strips of 3 inches x 1/3 inches
4. Deep fry until crisp and golden brown
5. Combine sugar and water and boil until thickened (until it spins a thread).
6. Pour syrup over kurma, turning continuously and until syrup crystallizes
7. Clean and wash fish slices remove the small whitish substance from the side of the bone.
8. Sprinkle slices lightly with salt and black pepper, season with garlic and herb marinade.
9. Marinate covered in the refrigerator for about 30 minutes.
10. In a medium sauté pan heat oil and add, onion, pimento and hot pepper sauté until fragrant about one minute.
11. Mix curry powder with water and add curry powder, stir to mix.
12. Add to pot and stir and fry until mixture is very dry, now add the fish slices, and cook for about 4 minutes on each side basting frequently with sauce, cover and simmer, the fish will release some juices, cook for a few minutes more.
13. Steam mango for 5 minutes until tender, drain.
14. Now add the green mango or tamarind and simmer for about 5 minutes more. The mango will be tender, taste and adjust flavours, add Spanish thyme or chadon beni cook for one minute more.
15. Remove from heat, adjust seasonings, sprinkle on lime juice and serve.

SOUP SANCOCHE

Ingredients

Serves 8 - 10

- 8 green figs, peeled
- 8 small onions, peeled
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- ½ cup chopped chive
- 1 tsp thyme
- ½ lb pumpkin, peeled and cut into 2 inch square
- ½ Ib dried beans (kidney, black eyed or split peas)
- 2 lbs salted beef or pieces of chicken
- 2 lbs mixed ground provision, consisting of cassava, dasheen, eddoes and yam, peeled and cut into pieces
- ½ lb carrots, sliced 1 lb sweet potatoes, peel and cut in pieces
- 12 ochroes, slived in halves
- 1 tsp salt or to taste
- Hot pepper to taste
- Dumplings

Method:

1. Soak beans overnight or approximately 6 hours
2. If using salted beef, soak overnight; drain and cut into 2 inch pieces
3. In a large heavy pot ad beans, salted beef and 8 cups of water
4. Bring to the boil, lower heat, cover and simmer for about 1 - 1 ½ hours
5. Add mixed ground provision, carrot and sweet potatoes; cover and continue to cook for 10 - 15 minutes
6. Add green figs, onion, garlic, chive, thyme, pumpkin, ochroes, salt and hot pepper to taste; cook for 10 minutes more or until vegetables are cooked but firm
7. Prepare dumplings and put into pot
8. Cover, increase heat to medium and allow to cook for 10 minutes more. Adjust salt
9. Turn off heat and leave covered on stove top
10. Serve hot

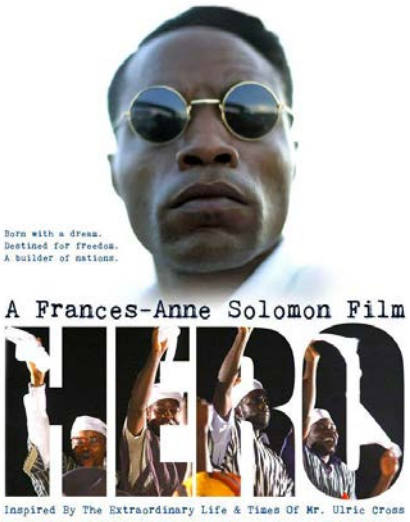
From The Multi-Cultural Cuisine of Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean - Naparima Girls' High School Cookbook (Updated and revised version)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 18TH MAY

HERO: INSPIRED BY THE LIFE & TIMES OF MT ULRIC CROSS

BFI SOUTHBANK, BELVEDERE ROAD, LONDON, SE1 8XT.
TIME: 2 PM – 5 PM


Born with a dream.
Destined for freedom.
A builder of nations.
A Frances-Anne Solomon Film
HERO
Inspired By The Extraordinary Life & Times Of Mr. Ulric Cross

The BFI will be hosting the screening of the award winning drama film Hero: Inspired By The Life and Times of Mr Ulric Cross. The film first premiered in 2018 on the opening night of the CaribbeanTales International Film Festival in Toronto and then at TT Film Festival (TTFF) at Napa, Port of Spain. It won the TTFF People's Choice Award.

The film was directed by Frances-Anne Solomon. The film stars Nikolai Salcedo (Ulric Cross), British actor Joseph Marcell (CLR James), Rudolph Walker and other notable actors from Hollywood.

About the film: In 1941, Ulric Cross left his island home to seek his fortune and survived as the RAF's most decorated West Indian. Then, his life took another course and he joined the movement of history. HERO explores not just the life, but the dynamic and transformative times that Ulric Cross was born into, and starred in. Ultimately, the film is about us, who we are as Caribbean people and as citizens of the world. For more information about HERO, please visit **caribbeantales-worldwide.com**

Early bird tickets are now available on Eventbrite, please visit - **www.eventbrite.ca/e/hero-the-world-tour-uk-premiere-london-tickets-58600743401**

TUESDAY 21ST - SATURDAY 25TH MAY

RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW 2019

ROYAL HOSPITAL GARDENS, LONDON SW3 4SR.

Trinidad and Tobago will be represented at the Show this year. The first Flora Silver-Gilt Medal was awarded to Trinidad and Tobago on 20th May 1985. Since then the Silver, Gold Medals and Holford Medals have been awarded to Trinidad and Tobago. For further information on RHS Chelsea Flower Show, please visit **www.rhs.org.uk**

SATURDAY 25TH MAY

TOBAGO RESIDENTS UK (TR-UK) BBQ & SOCA MUSIC

TURPINGTON LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE, BROMLEY, BR2 8JX.
TIME: 7 PM - 10PM

TR-UK presents its annual bank holiday weekend event in aid of Vision on Missions. For further information please email: **tr-uk@mail.com** or **call: 07938785984**

WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY

NATIONALS' MEETING

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO HIGH COMMISSION, 42 BELGRAVE SQUARE, LONDON SW1X 8NT.
TIME: 6 PM

We look forward to seeing you all.

SATURDAY 22ND - SUNDAY 23RD JUNE

BONN FIRE CARIBBEAN MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

BAD HONNEF, GERMANY.
TIME: 6 PM

BonnFire Festival is the first ever music and art festival to showcase Caribbean culture in Bad Honnef, Germany. Expect to see performances from T&T soca artists Iwer George, Kes the Band and many more. Hosted by Emurgy Entertainment, the festival is truly one of a kind. For more information about Bonn Fire, please visit **www.bonnfirefestival.com**

SATURDAY 20TH JULY

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO HEALTHCARE UK FORUM (TTHUF) CURRY-QUE

LONG LANE JR FOOTBALL CLUB, KIDBROOKE PLAYING FIELDS, DURLEY RD, LONDON SE3 8PB. TIME: 4PM - 10PM

TTHUF Annual fundraiser 'Life in London' Curry-Que in aid of improving healthcare services in T&T. Come out and support.

For more information, please visit **fb.com/groups/tthuf** or **call: 07958959177 / 07904955497**

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

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ST PETER'S EATON SQUARE, LONDON W6 9AB TIME: 3 PM

EVENT ROUND UP

TTHC LONDON WELCOMES MRS ACRES-YOUKSEE, IMMIGRATION ATTACHÉ

Pictured: Mrs Alicia Acres-Youksee, Immigration Attaché

The High Commission is pleased to welcome a new staff member. Mrs Alicia Acres-Youksee was appointed as the Immigration Attaché Passports, on November 16th 2018. She has worked for the past 17 years in the Immigration Division, Ministry of National Security. Her current job responsibilities include processing of applications for Trinidad and Tobago passports and other travel documents.

Mrs Acres-Youksee describes herself as a family oriented individual who is hardworking but appreciative of her periods of relaxation. She looks forward to being part of the network of staff members at the High Commission and is intent on sharing her knowledge and ideas with her colleagues as they colaborate in providing effective representation on behalf of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mrs Acres-Youksee noted that her unit interfaces regularly with members of the public and she is committed to serving them with professionalism and humility.

MOROCCO'S OUALILI ON WHIRLWIND TOUR OF MISSIONS AND EMBASSIES

The Trinidad and Tobago High Commission in London was the fifth stop as Omar Oualili, a Morocco national living in the United Kingdom, attempted to break the record for the most embassies and missions visited by one person, in a single day. The 25 year old King's College London undergraduate and travel blogger, was expecting to visit at least thirty missions and embassies by the end of the day, eclipsing the present record of sixteen visits. By end of day he had visited 32 embassies including Botswana, Rwanda, Austria, Denmark, Finland, Antigua & Barbuda, Jamaica, and Tonga and would have submitted evidence to the Guinness World Records for verification. Once it is approved, he will officially hold the title.

He told High Commissioner Orville London that he was prompted by his love of a challenge and his interest in the diverse countries represented in the United Kingdom

Clockwise from top: High Commissioner Orville London greets Omar Oualili, High Commissioner London signs the Guinness World Records (GWR) Log of Signatures, the GWR log book

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